

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,
- against -

Civil Action No.
22-CV-1159

B4B EARTH TEA LLC; B4B CORP.;
ANDREW MARTIN SINCLAIR,

(Vitaliano, J.)
(Levy, M.J.)

Defendants.

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**[PROPOSED] STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE
PROTECTION OF MATERIALS AND INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, in order to permit the parties to discover certain such information and documents relevant to the subject matter of this case without making this confidential or privileged information public, the Court hereby enters this Stipulation and Order for the Protection of Materials and Information (“Order”) pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 5 U.S.C. § 522a(b)(11), for the purposes of assuring the protection and confidentiality of such information and materials;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties, as follows:

(a) The following materials and information may be designated as “confidential” provided such materials are not public and have not previously been disclosed by the producing party to anyone except those in its employment or those retained by it, including, but not limited to: Sensitive Commercial Data, such as trade secrets and special formulas; Sensitive Personal Data, such as personal identifiers, financial information, tax records, and employer personnel records; Information protected from disclosure by the Privacy Act; and Information subject to

the law enforcement privilege;

(b) If any party believes a document or information not described in the above paragraph should nevertheless be considered confidential, it may make application to the Court pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(c) The producing party, or an attorney therefor, may designate materials or parts thereof as confidential by stamping the word “confidential” on each page. If such information or document is provided in response to an interrogatory, the party may separately append the information to the main body of the interrogatory responses, mark such appendices “confidential,” and incorporate by reference the appended material into the responses. At the time of a deposition or within 10 days after receipt of the deposition transcript, a party may designate as confidential specific portions of the transcript which contain confidential matters under the standards set forth in paragraph (a) above. This designation shall be in writing and served upon all parties. No objection shall be interposed at deposition that an answer would elicit confidential information. Transcripts will be treated as confidential for this 10-day period. Any portions of a transcript designated confidential shall thereafter be treated as confidential in accordance with this Order. The confidential portion of the transcript and any exhibits referenced solely therein shall be bound in a separate volume and marked “Confidential Information” by the reporter.

(d) Materials designated “confidential” shall be shown only to the attorneys, parties, experts, actual or proposed witnesses, court personnel and other persons necessary to review the materials for the prosecution or defense of this lawsuit. Each person who is permitted to see confidential materials shall first be shown a copy of this Order and shall further be advised of the obligation to honor the confidential designation. Before confidential materials are shown to

experts, actual witnesses, or proposed witnesses, each person must agree to be bound by this Order by signing a document substantially in the form of Exhibit A. If such person refuses to sign a document substantially in the form of Exhibit A, the party desiring to disclose the confidential information may seek appropriate relief from the Court. The parties agree that any discovery material produced in this litigation and designated as confidential may only be used in connection with this litigation.

(e) Review of the confidential materials and information by counsel, experts, or consultants for the litigants in the litigation shall not waive the confidentiality of the materials or objections to production.

(f) The inadvertent, unintentional, or *in camera* disclosure of a confidential document and information shall not generally be deemed a waiver, in whole or in part, of any party's claims of confidentiality. If at any time prior to trial, a producing party realizes that some portion(s) of the discovery material that the party produced should be designated as "confidential," the party may so designate by apprising all parties in writing, and providing that the material has not already been published or otherwise disclosed, such portion(s) shall thereafter be treated as confidential under this Order.

(g) If a party believes that a document designated or sought to be designated confidential by the producing party does not warrant such designation, the party shall first make a good-faith effort to resolve such a dispute with opposing counsel or, if a party is proceeding *pro se*, with the opposing party. In the event that such a dispute cannot be resolved by the parties, either party may apply to the Court for a determination as to whether the designation is appropriate. The burden rests on the party seeking confidentiality to demonstrate that such designation is proper.

(h) If any court filing incorporates confidential material or would reveal its contents, the

filings shall comply with Section II.E. of the Individual Motion Practice and Rules of Judge Eric N. Vitaliano. The parties shall file under seal those and only those specific materials and that deposition testimony designated confidential, and only those specific portions of briefs, applications, and other filings that contain verbatim confidential data, or that set forth the substance of such confidential information, unless independent good cause is demonstrated.

(i) Within a reasonable period after the conclusion of the litigation, including all appeals, all confidential material shall be returned to the respective producing parties or destroyed by the recipients.

(j) In any application to the Court referred to or permitted by this Order, the Court may exercise discretion in determining whether the prevailing party in such a dispute may recover the costs incurred by it and, if so, the amount to be awarded.

(k) This Court shall retain jurisdiction over all persons subject to this Order to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising hereunder.

(l) Nothing in this Order shall prohibit or limit the United States or any of its agencies or employees from using or disclosing materials or information designated as "Confidential" as the United States, its agencies and its employees would otherwise be authorized to do by law absent entry of the Order.

(m) This Order does not constitute a waiver of any privilege or defense that any party may have regarding the production of the requested materials or information, and cannot be used as evidence of a waiver of any production objection, including, but not limited to relevance, undue burden, over breadth, or ambiguity.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

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SO ORDERED:

This ____ day of _____, 2023

HONORABLE ROBERT M. LEVY
United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of New York

EXHIBIT A

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I, _____, being duly sworn, state that:

I have been informed that certain materials or information to be disclosed to me in connection with the matter entitled *United States of America v. B4B Earth Tea, LLC, et al.*, case number 22-CV-1159 (ENV)(RML), have been designated as confidential. I have been informed that such materials or information labeled "confidential" are confidential by Order of the Court. I hereby agree that I will not disclose any information contained in such materials to any other person. I further agree not to use any such information for any purpose other than this litigation.

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____

Dated: _____

Signed in the presence of: _____ (Attorney or Party)